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Applicants : Robbins et al.
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For : IDENTIFICATION OF PEPTIDES THAT FACILITATE UPTAKE AND
CYTOPLASMIC AND/OR NUCLEAR TRANSPORT OF PROTEINS,
DNA AND VIRUSES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 7, 2001, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Extend Time for a period of two months, up to and including March 7, 2002.

The Examiner has stated that the claims of the present application contain eleven patentably distinct inventions, which he has divided into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-7, directed to peptides;

Group II: Claims 8-22, directed to peptide-cargo complexes;

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Group III: Claims 23-29, directed to methods of identifying peptides capable of internalizing cargo;

Group IV: Claims 30-36, directed to expression cassette comprising sequence encoding peptides and protein of interest;

Group V: Claims 37, 40-44, directed to method of inducing synovial cell death;

Group VI: Claims 38, 40-44, directed to method of inducing apoptosis in a tumor cell;

Group VII: Claims 39, 40-44, directed to method of reducing white blood cells in arthritic joints;

Group VIII: Claims 45-47, directed to method of internalizing GST-fusion protein into a cell;

Group IX: Claims 48-50, directed to kit for internalizing GST-fusion protein into a cell;

Group X: Claims 51-56, directed to an immunogen comprising a peptide-cargo complex;

Group XI: Claims 57-59, directed to method of eliciting an immune response by administering an immunogen.

The Examiner has required that the Applicants restrict the prosecution of this application to one of the foregoing groups of claims.


In response, Applicants elect to pursue the claims of Group I (claims 1-7) in this application, without traverse, and without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of non-elected claims in other patent applications.

The Examiner has also required an election of species for claim 1. In response, the Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:5. Upon determination that the elected species is allowable subject matter, Applicants are entitled to consideration of further species in this application. Should no prior art be found that anticipates or renders obvious the elected species, the search of other species found in the Markush claim should be extended (MPEP § 803.02, p. 800-5, col. 1, third para.).

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Respectfully submitted,

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